

**Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under
The Cable Television Network Rules, 1994
(Rule 6 and Rule & 7)**

Rule 6. Programme Code

(1) No programme should be carried in the cable service which:-

- (a)** Offends against good taste or decency;
- (b)** Contains criticism of friendly countries;
- (c)** Contains attack on religions or communities or visuals or words contemptuous of religious groups or which promote communal attitudes;
- (d)** Contains anything obscene, defamatory, deliberate, false and suggestive innuendos and half truths;
- (e)** Is likely to encourage or incite violence or contains anything against maintenance of law and order or which promote-anti-national attitudes;
- (f)** Contains anything amounting to contempt of court;
- (g)** Contains aspersions against the integrity of the President and Judiciary;
- (h)** Contains anything affecting the integrity of the Nation;
- (i)** Criticises, maligns or slanders any individual in person or certain groups, segments of social, public and moral life of the country;
- (j)** Encourages superstition or blind belief;
- (k)** denigrates women through the depiction in any manner of the figure of a women, her form or body or any part thereof in such a way as to have the effect of being indecent, or derogatory to women, or is likely to deprave, corrupt or injure the public morality or morals;
- (l)** Denigrates children;
- (m)** Contains visuals or words which reflect a slandering, ironical and snobbish attitude in the portrayal of certain ethnic, linguistic and regional groups
- (n)** Contravenes the provisions of the Cinematograph Act, 1952.
- (o)** Is not suitable for unrestricted public exhibition.

[Provided that no film or film song or film promo or film trailer or music video or music albums or their promos, whether produced in India or abroad, shall be carried through Cable Service unless it has been certified by the central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) as suitable for unrestricted public exhibition in India.]

Explanation -

For the purpose of this clause, the expression "unrestricted public exhibition" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in the Cinematograph Act, 1952 (37 of 1952);

(2) The cable operator should strive to carry programmes in his cable service which project women in a positive, leadership role of sobriety, moral and character building qualities.

(3) No cable operator shall carry or include in his cable service any programme in respect of which copyright subsists under the Copyright Act, 1957 (14 of 1957) unless he has been granted a license by owners of copyright under the Act in respect of such programme.

(4) Care should be taken to ensure that programmes meant for children do not contain any bad language or explicit scenes of violence.

(5) Programmes unsuitable for children must not be carried in the cable service at times when the largest numbers of children are viewing.

(6) No Cable Operator shall carry or include in his cable service any Television broadcast or channel, which has not been registered by the Central Government for being viewed within the territory of India:

*[Provided that a Cable Operator may continue to carry or include in his cable service any Television broadcast or channel, whose application for registration to the Central Government was made on or before 11.05.2006 and is under consideration, for a period of three months from the date of this Notification, or till such registration has been granted or refused, whichever is earlier.]

[Provided further that Channels unlinking from India, in accordance with permission for unlinking granted before 02.12.2005, shall be treated as "registered" television Channels and can be carried or include in the cable service.]

* Further amended by GSRs up to 31.05.2008

Rule 7. Advertising Code

(1) Advertising carried in the cable service shall be so designed as to conform to the laws of the country and should not offend morality, decency and religious susceptibilities of the subscribers.

(2) No advertisement shall be permitted which-

- (i) Derides any race, caste, colour, creed and nationality;
- (ii) Is against any provision of the Constitution of India.
- (iii) Tends to incite people to crime, cause disorder or violence, or breach of law or glorifies violence or obscenity in any way ;
- (iv) presents criminality as desirable;
- (v) Exploits the national emblem, or any part of the Constitution or the person or personality of a national leader or a State dignitary;
- (vi) in its depiction of women violates the constitutional guarantees to all citizens. In particular, no advertisement shall be permitted which projects a derogatory image of women. Women must not be portrayed in a manner that emphasises passive, submissive qualities and encourages them, to play a subordinate secondary role in the family and society. The cable operator shall ensure that the portrayal of the female form, in the programmes carried in his cable service, is tasteful and aesthetic, and is within the well established norms of good taste and decency;
- (vii) Exploits social evils like dowry, child marriage.
- (viii) promotes directly or indirectly production, sale or consumption of-

- A.** Cigarettes, tobacco products, wine, alcohol, liquor or other intoxicants;
- B.** Infant milk substitutes, feeding bottle or infant food.

(3) No advertisement shall be permitted, the objects whereof, are wholly or mainly of a religious or political nature; advertisements must not be directed towards any religious or political end.

(3A) No advertisement shall contain references which hurts religious sentiments.

(4) The goods or services advertised shall not suffer from any defect or deficiency as mentioned in Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

(5) No advertisement shall contain references which are likely to lead the public to infer that the product advertised or any of its ingredients has some special or miraculous or super-natural property or quality, which is difficult of being proved.

(6) The picture and the audible matter of the advertisement shall not be excessively 'loud';

(7) No advertisement which endangers the safety of children or creates in them any interest in unhealthy practices or shows them begging or in an undignified or indecent manner shall not be carried in the cable service.

(8) Indecent, vulgar, suggestive, repulsive or offensive themes or treatment shall be avoided in all advertisements.

(9) No advertisement which violates the Code for self-regulation in advertising, as adopted by the Advertising Standard Council of India (ASCI), Mumbai for public exhibition in India, from time to time, shall be carried in the cable service.

(10) All advertisement should be clearly distinguishable from the programme and should not in any manner interfere with the programme viz., use of lower part of screen to carry captions, static or moving alongside the programme

(11) No programme shall carry advertisements exceeding twelve minutes per hour, which may include up to ten minutes per hour of commercial advertisements, and up to two minutes perhour of a channel's self-promotional programmes.